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you a reason of the hope that is in you.

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I BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, HIS "ONLY BEGOTTEN SON," OUR SAVIOUR; WHO, HAVING REDEEMED THE WORLD FROM THE BONDAGE OF THEIR SPIRITUAL ENEMIES, AND GLORIFIED HIS HUMANITY BY A FULL AND PERFECT UNION WITH THE INDWELLING FATHER, WAS EXALTED "HIGH ABOVE ALL HEAVENS, THAT HE MIGHT FILL ALL THINGS," AND BECAME THEREBY AN EVERLASTING REDEEMER TO THE FAITHFUL AND OBEDIENT, BEING THE MEDIATING SOURCE OF THAT HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN.

I BELIEVE THAT THERE SHALL BE A RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, BOTH OF THE JUST AND THE UNJUST; AND THAT WE ALL SHALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST; WHEN THE WICKED SHALL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO LIFE ETERNAL.



SCRIPTURAL ILLUSTRATIONS.

“ I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE ETERNAL JEHOVAH.”

There is one God, and there is none other but he. *Mark* xii. 32.

Hear, O Israel, JEHOVAH our God is one JEHOVAH. *Deut.* vi. 4. *Isa.* xlv. 5. 14. 21, 22.

N. B. That word of the Old Testament which is translated LORD, is, in the original Hebrew, JEHOVAH.

“ MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.”

Thus saith JEHOVAH that created the heavens, God himself that formed the earth and made it, he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited ; I am JEHOVAH, and there is none else. *Isa.* xlv. 18.

“ BEFORE WHOM THERE WAS NO GOD FORMED, NEITHER SHALL BE AFTER HIM.”
Isa. xliii. 10.

“ I BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.”

Ye believe in God, believe also in ME. *John* xiv. 1.

“ HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.” *John*
iii. 16.

The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore, also, that holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called THE SON OF GOD. *Luke* i. 35.

The High Priest answerèd and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living GOD, that thou tell us whether thou be the CHRIST, the SON OF GOD. JESUS saith unto him, 'Thou hast said. *Matt.* xxvi. 63, 64. *Matt.* iii. 17. xxvii. 43. xvi. 16. *Mark* i. 11. xiv. 61. *John* ix. 35. xix. 7. x. 36. vi. 69.

“ OUR SAVIOUR.”

Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOUR, which is CHRIST the LORD. *Luke* ii. 11.

Neither is there SALVATION in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be SAVED. *Acts* iv. 12. *Matt.* i. 21. *John* iii. 17.

“ WHO, HAVING REDEEMED THE WORLD FROM THE BONDAGE OF THEIR SPIRITUAL ENEMIES.”

Now is the judgment of this world. Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. *John* xii. 31.

He spoiled principalities and powers; and made a shew of them openly, triumphing over

them in it. *Col. ii. 15. Isa. ii. 19. lxiii. 1 to 9. lix. 16, 17. 20. Jer. xlvi. 5. 10. Psa. xlv. 3 to 7. John xvi. 11. Luke x. 18.*

“ AND GLORIFIED HIS HUMANITY.”

I have both GLORIFIED it, and will GLO-
RIFY it again. *John xii. 28.*

Ought not CHRIST to have suffered these
things and to enter into his GLORY. *Luke xxiv. 26. John xii. 23. John xvii. 1. John vii. 39.*

“ BY A FULL AND PERFECT UNION WITH
THE INDWELLING FATHER.”

I and my Father are ONE. *John x. 30.*
Believe me that I am in the Father, and the
Father in me. *John xiv. 11.* As the Father
hath life in himself, so hath he given to the
SON to have life in himself. *John v. 26.* All
power is given to me in heaven and upon earth.
Matt. xxviii. 18. In him dwelleth all the
fullness of the godhead bodily. *Col. ii. 9.* This
is THE TRUE GOD AND ETERNAL LIFE; little
children keep yourselves from idols. *1 John v. 20, 21. John iii. 35. xvi. 15. Col. i. 19.*

“ INDWELLING.”

GOD WAS IN CHRIST, reconciling the world
unto himself. *2 Cor. v. 19.* God manifest in
the flesh. *1 Tim. iii. 16. Isa. xlv. 14.*

“ WAS EXALTED (*Phil. ii. 9.*) “ HIGH
ABOVE ALL HEAVENS, THAT HE MIGHT FILL ALL
THINGS.” *Eph. iv. 10.*

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church which is his body, the fullness of him that FILLETH ALL IN ALL. *Eph. i. 22, 23.*

CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL. *Col. iii. 2. Dan. vii. 14. Isa. ix. 7.*

“ AND BECAME THEREBY AN EVER-LASTING REDEEMER.”

I can do all things, through CHRIST which strengtheneth me. *Phil. iv. 13.* Finally, brethren, BE STRONG IN THE LORD, and IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness (or, as in the original, AGAINST WICKED SPIRITS) in high places. *Eph. vi. 10, 11, 12. 1 Cor. i. 30. Rom. iii. 24. viii. 2.*

“ UNTO THE FAITHFUL.”

He that BELIEVETH on him is not condemned, but he that BELIEVETH not is condemned already, because he hath not BELIEVED in the name of the only begotten son of God. *John iii. 18. John iii. 16. vi. 47. xx. 31. vi. 35. viii. 24. 1 Pet. i. 8. Heb. xii. 25.*

“ AND OBEDIENT.”

Being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto those who OBEY him. *Heb. 5. 9.*

Except ye REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish. *Luke* xiii. 5. also *Luke* vi. 46.

“ THE FAITHFUL AND OBEDIENT.”

Psa. xxxvii. 3. 34. *Acts* x. 34. 35.

“ BEING THE MEDIATING SOURCE OF THAT HOLY SPIRIT.”

If I go not away, the COMFORTER will not come unto you; but, if I depart, I will send him unto you. *John* xvi. 7.

The HOLY SPIRIT was not yet given, because JESUS was not yet glorified. *John* vii. 39.

Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you. *Luke* xxiv. 49.

JESUS breathed on his disciples, and said unto them, receive ye the HOLY SPIRIT. *John* xx. 22.

If any man hath not the SPIRIT OF CHRIST, he is none of his. *Rom.* viii. 9.

“ WHICH IS THE LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN.”

The LOVE of God shed abroad in the heart, by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us. *Rom.* v. 5.

When the Spirit of Truth is come, he will GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH. *John* xvi. 13. *Acts* ii. 39.

The fruit of the spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONG - SUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE. *Gal.* v. 22, 23.

In him was LIFE, and the LIFE was the LIGHT of men. *John i. 4. viii. 12.*

“ I BELIEVE THAT THERE SHALL BE A RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, BOTH OF THE JUST AND THE UNJUST.”

It is sown a natural body, it is raised a SPIRITUAL body. There is a natural body, and there is a SPIRITUAL body. *1 Cor. xv. 44.*

It came to pass that the beggar died; and was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment. *Luke xvi. 22, 23.*

Now, that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush when he called the LORD the God of Abraham, and the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob, for he is not the GOD of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto him. *Luke xx. 37, 38.*

“ AND THAT WE ALL SHALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.” *Rom. xiv. 10.*

It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after this the judgment. *Heb. ix. 27.*

The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the SON. *John v. 22.*

“ WHEN THE WICKED SHALL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO LIFE ETERNAL.” *Matt. xxv. 46. Rom. ii. 6. &c.*

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